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THIRTIETH SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD AT MONGTON, WESTMORELAND CO.,
ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
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CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall consist of Delegates, representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, and shall be styled "The Eastern N. B. Baptist Association."

ARTICLE 2.—The objects of this Association shall be the collection of statistical and other information from the Churches, the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union, the promotion of individual godliness, and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the second Tuesday in July, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which, the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ARTICLE 4.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegation, or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 5.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year immediately on their arrival, the Letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator, by ballot, without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance, read the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, and maintain due order among the members. The Association shall appoint two Committees—one on Arrangements, and one to nominate all other Committees. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy for the press.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the addition and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ARTICLE 7.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, on behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 8.—When a Church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 9.—Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing a Church or Minister in our connexion, which to us shall appear to be unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship, without sufficient reason, from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their enquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ARTICLE 10.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution, from time to time, such as experience may dictate.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. That each meeting be opened by prayer.
2. That motions be made and seconded, according to parliamentary usage.
3. That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.
4. That every resolution be written out and handed to the Clerk.
5. That motions which are lost be not recorded.
6. That invited members enjoy all the privileges of Delegates, except voting.
7. That these regulations be read at each session.

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MINUTES.

MONCTON, July 10th, 1877.
The Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association opened with the Baptist Church in Moncton, on Tuesday, July 10th, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Some two hours were spent in prayer and conference, and the Lord was present to bless. After which the Delegates from the Churches presented their credentials and took their seats.

List of Churches comprised within the Eastern Association and their Accredited Delegates for 1877.

Albert, Albert County.

Alma 1st, Albert County.

Alma 2nd, Albert County.

Buctouche, Kent County.

Butternut Ridge, King's Co.—Rev. J. H. Hughes, Deacon H. Hicks, Richard Thorne, Brethren Stanford, Corey, Gardaer, Hicks.

Caledonia, Albert County.

Cambridge 1st, Queen's County—John McD. Belyea, Rev. A. B. McDonald.

Cambridge 2nd, Queen's County—Rev. A. B. McDonald.

Cambridge, Lower Queen's Co.—M. C. McDonald, M. D.

Cocaigne, Kent County.

Coverdale 1st, Albert Co.—Rev. J. E. Fillmore, E. Berry, R. Mitton, P. Jonah, Rufus Fillmore, George Fillmore.

Coverdale 2nd, Albert Co.—Rev. E. Hopper, Brethren W. T. Steeves, Robert Rogers, John Scott.

Coverdale 3rd, Albert County.

Dorchester, Westmoreland County.

Dundas, Kent County.—Rev. J. E. Fillmore, Deacon Ira Hicks, T. Scribner, Elijah Vincent.

Elgin 1st, Albert County—Rev. E. C. Corey, Pharez Constantine, James Horsman, J. S. Horsman, Jessie Hayward.

Elgin 2nd, Albert County.

Elgin 3rd, Albert County.

Fairfield, St. John County.

Flatlands, Restigouche County.

- Forest Glen*—Rev. J. C. Steadman, J. W. Colpitts.
- Germantown, Albert County*—Rev. T. A. Blackadar, Deacon R. Wilbur, Jas. E. Kinple, J. Edgett, G. Berryman, R. Wilbur.
- Glennville, Westmoreland County.*
- Grand Lake, 1st, Queen's County.*
- Grand Lake, 2nd, Queen's County.*
- Hammond Vale, King's County*—Rev. S. W. Keirstead, Dea. Jessie Tabor, Jessie W. Tabor.
- Hampton, King's County.*
- Hampton Village, King's County*—Deacon Wm. Frost.
- Harvey, 1st, Albert County*—Rev. T. A. Blackadar, J. M. Wells, Isa Tingley, Ezra Bishop; Dea. E. Brewster, A. Wells.
- Harvey, 2nd, Albert County.*
- Hillsborough, 1st, Albert County*—Rev. W. T. Corey, I. J. Steeves, Peter Duffy, Brother Christian Steeves, Asa Jonah, L. T. Steeves, M. Gross.
- Hillsborough, 2nd, Albert County*—Rev. Jas. Irving, Joshua Jonah.
- Hillsborough, 3rd, Albert County*—Rev. S. C. Moore, W. H. Murray, W. H. Mitton, Lewis Woodworth, J. W. Woodworth.
- Hillsborough, 4th, Albert County*—Rev. Jas. Irving, John Stewart, James McLatchey, D. Bazeley, David McRea.
- Hopewell, Albert County*—Rev. F. Beattie, Deacon J. Calhoun, Bros. John Peck, N. Peck, J. B. Calhoun, John Wilbur, W. R. Peck.
- Jemseg, Queen's County*—A. T. Dykeman.
- Johnston, 1st, Queen's County*—Rev. E. H. Howe, J. G. Hetherington.
- Johnston, 2nd, Queen's County.*
- Kars, King's County.*
- Mill Cove, Queen's County.*
- Moncton, 1st, Westmoreland County*—Rev. T. Todd, Dea. Lovell Lewis, D. A. Duffy, Israel Steeves, S. C. Wilbur, John McKenzie.
- Moncton 2nd, Westmoreland County*—Rev. John Gammon, Deacon Isa Trites, D. P. Trites, H. Trites.
- New Canaan, Queen's County*—Rev. E. H. Howe, Deacons Allan McDonald, Solomon Thorne, and J. G. Corey.
- New Horton, Albert County*—Rufus Reed, Wm. Bennett, Wm. Bray, Miner Reed.
- Norton, King's County*—Revs. W. A. Corey, J. M. Carrey, Dea. J. K. Hayes.
- North River, Westmoreland County*—Rev. John Gammon, Brethren Grafton Ayer, James Lounsbury.
- Petticodiac, Westmoreland County*—Dea. C. Sumner, Thos. Herrett, David Herrett, Herbert Trites.
- Point DeBute, Westmoreland County*—Rev. G. F. Miles, Bro. Samuel Sharp.
- Point Midgie, Westmoreland County.*
- Pollet River, Albert County.*
- Rockport, Albert County*—Rev. D. S. Carpenter, Brethren B. Lockhart, J. S. Tower, J. E. Reed, Elias King.

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- Sackville, 1st, Westmoreland County.
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 Salisbury, 1st, Westmoreland County—Rev. W. W. Corey, Brethren
 Job Steeves, Lemuel Willmot, J. C. Wortman.
 Salisbury, 2nd, Westmoreland County—David Horsman, W. G. Jones.
 Salisbury 3rd, Westmoreland County—Dea. C. Kinnear, H. Wilson, R.
 F. Keith, W. Kingear.
 Salt Springs, King's County—J. T. Alaby.
 Sheldac, Westmoreland County—Rev. J. M. Currey, Deas. Gilbert
 Wilbur, I. J. Evans.
 Springfield, 1st, King's County—Rev. W. A. Corey.
 Springfield 2nd, King's County—Rev. W. A. Corey.
 Sussex, King's County—Rev. B. D. Burgess, C. Friars, C. Horsman,
 J. E. Tribe, W. W. Dunham, J. S. Trites.
 Sussex, Upper, King's County—Rev. E. C. Corey, Dea. E. Freeze, W.
 Stone, S. Walters.
 St. Martins, 1st, St. John County—Rev. I. E. Bill, Bro. M. Kelley.
 St. Martins 2nd, St. John County—Rev. S. W. Keirstead, Bro. R. L.
 Parker.
 Studholm, King's County—Michael P. Keirstead.
 Upham, King's County—Rev. S. W. Keirstead, Deas. Josiah Bittle,
 W. Titus.
 Valley Church, Hillsboro'—Rev. Jas. Irving, M. Gross, Dawson
 Steeves, J. Marshall, D. Cameron, R. T. Gross.
 Wellington.
 Wickham, Lower, Queen's County.
 Wickham, Upper, Queen's County.
 Willow Grove, St. John County.

Rev. Thos. Todd, Pastor of the Church, in the Chair.
 On motion, the Association proceeded to the election
 of officers for the current year, which resulted in the ap-
 pointment of

- REV. I. E. BILL, Moderator,
 " W. A. COREY, Secretary,
 " T. A. BLACKADAR, Assistant Sec.
 BRO. S. C. WILBUR, Treasurer.
 " D. A. DUFFY, Assist. Treas.

who having taken their places the Moderator read the
 Rules of Order.
 The Committee on Arrangements and Nominations
 were, on motion, appointed.

The Committee of Arrangements report that we recommend each
 afternoon Session of this Association to close at five o'clock. Even-
 ing Sessions to commence at 7.30 o'clock. Morning Sessions to begin
 at 10 a. m., and adjourn at 12 m.

Prayer Meeting each morning during the Session of the Association at 6.30 o'clock.

Reading letters from the Churches on Tuesday evening, and Sermon by Dr. Sawyer, Rev. S. Welton not being present, to preach the Association Sermon.

We recommend that Rev. J. D. Pope preach on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Home Missions and Education be taken up in the afternoon, and Foreign Missions in the Evening.

Thursday, general business, and in the evening preaching by Rev. W. P. Everett.

On motion, a cordial invitation was then extended to brethren from Sister Associations and Sister Churches, not represented by Delegates to this Association, to take seats with us.

The following brethren accepted of the invitation :

Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., President of Acadia College; Revs. J. D. Pope, W. P. Everett, E. Hickson, T. H. Porter, John Coombs, and Dea. Gilbert White, of the Western Association; Rev. W. B. Boggs, of Sydney, Cape Breton; Rev. G. F. Miles, of Amherst, N. S.; Rev. R. D. Porter, of Calais, Me.; Bro D. Archibald, P. E. I.; J. E. Masters, St. John; Rev. Geo. Armstrong, A. M., Editor of the *Christian Visitor*; J. Burdett, J. F. Goldrup, Caleb Phinney, Lawrence Town, N. S.

The Committee on Arrangements reported, recommending that Rev. Dr. Sawyer preach a sermon at 7.30 o'clock this evening, after which the Letters from the Churches to be read. That we meet to-morrow morning, at 6.30 o'clock for prayer, and that the Association Sermon be preached at 10 o'clock, a. m.

A Committee, consisting of Revs. G. F. Miles, W. P. Everett, and J. H. Hughes, to read the Letters from the Churches, was appointed.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Pope.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING, July 10th, 1877.

The Association re-assembled at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. P. Everett.

An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., President of Acadia College, founded on Isaiah xxxii. 2.

The remainder of the Session was spent in reading the

Letters from the Churches, and the following Committees were appointed:

- On Arrangements*—Revs. Thos. Todd, A. B. McDonald, J. H. Hughes, Brethren John McKenzie, Israel Steeves, and Deacons Ezra Hicks and L. Lewis.
- On Nominations*—Revs. W. T. Corey, R. D. Burgess, T. Todd, A. B. McDonald, J. E. Fillmore, and M. C. McDonald, M. D.
- On Circular Letter*—Revs. J. M. Curry, J. H. Hughes and S. W. Kierstead.
- On Special Business*—Revs. Thos. Todd, A. B. McDonald and John McDonald Belyea; John McKenzie, Deacon Allan McDonald, Rev. Seth W. Kierstead, Deacon G. White, Rev. R. D. Burgess.
- On New Churches*—Revs. E. C. Corey, J. E. Fillmore, F. Beatty, S. Welton, Deacons P. Constantine, Wm. Frost, J. K. Hayes, Wm. Stone, Wm. Jones, Revs. W. P. Everett, A. B. McDonald.
- On Education*—Revs. A. W. Sawyer, D. D. T. H. Porter, James Irving, M. C. McDonald, M. D., J. D. Allaby, R. D. Porter, T. A. Blackadar, Geo. Armstrong.
- On Foreign Missions*—Revs. W. B. Boggs, W. P. Everett, W. W. Corey, J. F. Goldrup, Bros. Jesse Tabor, and Peter Duffy.
- On Home Missions*—Revs. J. D. Pope, E. Hopper, D. Carpenter, John Gammon, O. N. Keith, David Bleakney and Bro. L. T. Steeves, Dea. E. Hicks and Jas. E. Masters.
- On Religious Literature*—Revs. E. Hickson, J. C. Steadman, T. A. Blackadar, and Bro. J. E. Masters, Deacons T. Scribner, D. Archibald.
- On Temperance*—D. Archibald, M. C. McDonald, Revs. John Coombs, Richard Thorn, Stanford Corey, J. I. Evans, and John Scott.
- On Departed Brethren*—Revs. I. E. Bill and T. Todd.
- On Sabbath Schools*—J. E. Burdett, Rev. J. E. Steadman, D. A. Duff, Josiah Bittle, W. W. Dunham, Christian Steeves.
- Statistics of the Churches*—Deacons E. H. Hicks, John McKenzie, Rev. Geo. Armstrong.
- To Revise List of names of Ministers*—Revs. E. H. Howe, T. A. Blackadar, E. C. Corey, Solomon Smith.
- Committee to nominate the Preacher of the Association Sermon, and writer of Circular Letter for next year*—Revs. T. A. Blackadar, Thos. Todd, W. W. Corey.
- On motion adjourned, after prayer by Rev. W. B. Boggs.*

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 11th, 1877.

The Association met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. T. H. Porter.

Minutes of the last Session read and approved.

The Committee on Arrangements reported that Rev. Sydney Welton, who was appointed last year to preach the Introductory Sermon, and his alternate, Rev. Joseph Kempton, were both absent, and recommended that Rev. J. D. Pope, A. B., of St. John, be requested to preach at 11 o'clock, which was on motion adopted.

The reading of the Letters from the Churches was then continued.

At 11 o'clock Rev. J. D. Pope preached an impressive sermon from 2nd Cor. iv. 18. After which a collection of \$15.60 was taken for Home Missions.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. T. A. Blackadar.

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, July 11th, 1877.

Association met to transact business at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Corey.

Minutes of the last Session read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a courteous invitation be extended to Rev. Edward Weyman, of the Free Baptist denomination, to take a seat with us.

Reading the Letters continued.

The Association adjourned to give place to the Annual Meeting of the Home Mission Society.

After the adjournment of the Home Mission Society, the Moderator of the Association resumed his place.

A few more Letters were read.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Rev. T. H. Porter and Bro. H. C. Creed, of the Western Association, and Revs. I. E. Bill, and W. A. Corey, of the Eastern Association, be appointed to prepare forms of Letters from the Churches to the Associations.

Resolved, That Dr. M. C. McDonald be authorized to procure the necessary certificates by which delegates may return over the railway.

The Committee on New Churches reported in part, recommending the reception of the Forest Glen, New Horton and Hampton Village Churches into this body, and that their Letters be read and statistics inserted in the Minutes. Adopted.

Adjourned after prayer by Bro. D. Archibald.

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FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, July 11th, 1877.

At 7.30 o'clock the Association resumed business.
Prayer by Bro. T. C. Bishop.

On motion it was unanimously

Resolved, That this Association hold its next Session with the 1st Baptist Church at St. Martins.

On motion,

Resolved, That Revs. Geo. Armstrong and W. P. Everett be a Committee to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that the distribution to the Churches be in proportion to moneys sent.

On motion,

Resolved, That Rev. J. D. Pops be requested to furnish a copy of his excellent sermon for publication in the *Christian Visitor*.

Resolved. That Revs. I. E. Bill, Thos. Todd and E. Hickson be a Committee to arrange with steamboat and railway companies for reduction of fare to and from St. Martins next year.

The Letters from the New Churches—New Horton, Hampton Village and Forest Glen—were read, and the Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to the delegates.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported:

It seems impossible to exaggerate the moral grandeur and the vast importance of the Foreign Mission enterprise. The more it is contemplated in the light of the commands, the principles, and the predictions of Scripture, the greater does it appear. The object is to propagate the blessed religion of Christ Jesus throughout the whole world—thus bringing the only way of salvation to the knowledge of all men. It seems almost unaccountable that any who have been redeemed by Immanuel's precious blood can be indifferent to this cause—committed to us in our Lord's parting charge.

With regard to our own Mission among the heathen, there is every reason for encouragement. Our work there has, thus far, been a preparatory one, only two years having elapsed since our Missionaries reached the shores of India. But even during this season of preparatory work we have not been without encouragement.

It is with gratitude to God that we refer to the fact that during the past year our dear Bro. Churchill, who had been driven from the field for a time, by severe disease, has returned to the mission; and that his health, which at the time of his return was partially restored, is now considered fully established. All the rest are in good health, and are industriously at work in their different spheres of labor.

One of the events of the year is of special importance. We refer to the planting of a Christian Church, and the establishment of a centre of Christian labor and influence in the Jeypore District—a place distant from the coast difficult of access, and deplorably destitute, but abounding with perishing heathen. This makes the third church established by our Missionaries. Besides the other schools reported in

the letters of our brethren, a girl's school has recently been established by Mrs. Sanford, at Bimlipatam.

Your Missionaries are now beginning to use the native language in public prayer, teaching and preaching.

We regret the fact that the Churches of this Province are falling somewhat behind in their contributions, for in this, as in every great enterprise enlargement and advancement are absolutely essential to success. All the motives and Christian obligations which four years ago, led us to embark in this undertaking are certainly of equal, if not intensified power and importance still.

Your Committee believe that the Churches will fulfil their obligations in connection with this glorious work, if the pastors will faithfully perform the duty of instructing and leading those under their care.

It is cause for thankfulness that the funds, books, and most of the accounts in charge of the Board escaped destruction in the recent terrible conflagration in Saint John.

Your Committee, in conclusion, would urgently call upon all the churches to renew and enlarge their efforts for the promotion of our beloved Foreign Mission. On behalf of the Committee.

W. B. BOGGS.

Rev. W. B. Boggs, returned missionary, then gave a very earnest and instructive address on Foreign Missions.

Revs. W. P. Everett, Home Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, T. H. Porter, A. B. McDonald and G. F. Miles followed with stirring speeches.

A collection of \$26.39 was then taken for Foreign Missions, and report adopted.

Adjourned after singing the Doxology.

SIXTH SESSION

THURSDAY MORNING, July 12th, 1877.

Association re-assembled at 10 o'clock. Moderator in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Hughes.

Minutes of last Session read and approved.

Committee on Circular Letter reported, recommending that the letter be read.

Committee to nominate the preacher of the Association Sermon next year, and the writer of the Circular Letter, reported, recommending that Rev. W. A. Corey preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. J. H. Hughes be his alternate, and that Bro. S. C. Wilbur write the Circular Letter. Adopted.

Committee on Education read their Report.

Your Committee report with satisfaction, a growing interest in the subject of Education in our country, and an increasing appreciation of the advantages of its general diffusion. The system of free schools,

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whereby the rudiments of learning, as also a more advanced culture, are put within the reach of our youth indiscriminately, is year by year increasing in favor, and being gradually perfected.

The Institutions of Higher Education, established and sustained by our Denomination in these Lower Provinces, we are happy to report are also being improved in condition and advanced in efficiency. The attendance of students is larger than ever before, and increasing; enlarged and more convenient accommodation has been provided for these; the corps of instruction is being reinforced, and in culture elevated; their financial resources are being added to in a very gratifying manner; the interest of our people in our Institutions is increasing, and devotion to them is being developed. In fine, they were never so prosperous, and never gave such promise for beneficent and uplifting results to our Denomination, and the cause of truth and of God as at the present.

We also report that we find these Institutions to belong to this body, and to ourselves as individuals, as really as to any persons whomsoever; and that, in relation to our prosperity, as a people, and the promotion of the truth of the Gospel as we hold it, they are absolutely essential.

Your Committee, therefore, most heartily recommend that, with reference to general education, our ministers and our people put no obstructions in its way, but with all our influence contribute to promote it; and that, with regard to our Denominational Institutions at Horton, we multiply their students by sending our sons and our daughters to them in preference to any other school; that we give till we feel it, if necessary, in order to supply them with the financial support which they need to keep them forever in advance of all rival institutions; and that we, as an association, as churches, and as individuals, cultivate for them increasing loyalty, and self-sacrificing and loving devotion, by every possible means.

R. D. PORTER.

Earnest and able speeches on the question of raising the new College Endowment Fund were then delivered by Revs. R. D. Porter, A. W. Sawyer, D. D., J. D. Pope, I. E. Bill, W. P. Everett and Bro. Dimock Archibald.

The Committee on Home Missions submitted the following Report, which, after discussion by Rev. J. M. Curry and others, was adopted.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit their Report as follows:

There is a special obligation resting on the Lord's people to seek, by direct efforts, the salvation of those within their immediate reach. Christ, himself, was the highest and best example of a Home Missionary. He came first to His own, His personal ministry was confined almost wholly to His own people, the Jews; in commanding the disciples to go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature, he directed them to enter on this great enterprise by beginning at Jerusalem, the chief centre of all their home operations. And to this wise plan of our Lord they faithfully adhered, seeking out, and endeavoring to save, first of all, their own countrymen and people. In fact, it seems generally true that the most effective diffusion of

the Gospel abroad must spring from an active, healthful piety at home.

We regard New Brunswick as a most needy and inviting field of Home Mission work for Baptists. For the wise occupancy and cultivation of this field, there is required the effectual, fervent prayers of the righteous, enlargement in contributions, and earnest personal efforts. We especially urge the importance of all the churches coming up to the help of the Lord in this matter, by liberal gifts to the general funds of the Home Missionary Society, and by concerted action; while we would give every encouragement to local efforts. There should be no retrograde movements, wherever, the standard is planted let it be upheld. Let the feeble interests be strengthened, and every new church begun, established, and if possible made permanent. Let our motto be, "New Brunswick for Christ." "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." "He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

In behalf of the Committee,

J. D. POPE, *Chairman.*

Adjourned after prayer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, July 12th, 1877.

The Association resumed its business at 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. S. W. Keirstead.

Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

Committee on Statistics of Churches report:

The Committee on the Statistics of Churches report that they have examined the letters and find that,

45	Churches report their present membership,.....	4825
18	" " Baptisms,.....	139
22	" " Deaths,.....	49
22	" " Net Loss,.....	95
14	" " Net Gain,.....	142
	Total Gain,.....	47
20	Churches report Home Mission Money,.....	\$223 46
23	" " Foreign Mission Money,.....	298 28
35	" " Minute Money,.....	28 30

Submitted, E. O. & E.

EDW. HICKSON,

On behalf of the Committee.

Moncton, July 12, 1877.

Committee on Religious Literature reported, which was spoken to by several brethren, and adopted.

The Committee on Religious Literature beg leave to say: That, in their opinion greatly increased attention should be given by us, as a people, to the diffusion of a purely denominational Literature in connection with those evangelical doctrines and principles which we hold in common with other Denominations. Our views as to the Kingdom of Christ, Christian ordinances, and Church Polity, should be more fully and extensively set before the people; many among us need fuller information on several matters, and the public, in many cases,

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are not aware of the exact nature of our belief, and the grounds on which it rests. More Denominational Books and Tracts should be found among the members of our Churches and Sabbath Schools so that all may perceive more fully the truthfulness, power, adaptation and harmony of our principles and how closely they harmonize with the teachings and requirements of the Divine Volume.

The American Baptist Publication Society is doing an excellent work in providing Denominational and Sabbath School books of wholesome and sound character, adapted to benefit churches and schools in a high degree. These we recommend for use in preference to works which either ignore important portions of Divine Truth, or present views at variance with what we regard as true. We hope a Baptist Book Depository may soon be established in a suitable locality in these Provinces.

We have further to report that in our judgment the *Christian Visitor* has, during the year, earnestly and well performed the duties which pertain to a Christian and Denominational Journal. It has faithfully sought to present and maintain the truth, and that, too, in a manner and spirit which commend themselves to our judgment. In our opinion the *Christian Visitor* should have a place in every Baptist family; have the sympathy and support of every Baptist; it cannot fail to do good in any home, where the Gospel is loved, or its blessings desired. While we rejoice that in the recent calamitous fire which desolated so large a portion of the City of Saint John, the *Visitor's* publication office escaped destruction; we sympathize deeply with the Editor, Rev. George Armstrong, in the loss which the fire inflicted on him. We think that at this crisis in the history of the Denominational Organ, that special endeavors should be put forth to extend the circulation of the *Christian Visitor* as widely as possible, and that all subscribers in arrears be requested to forward to the Editor the amount, due for the paper, with as little delay as possible. We cheerfully recommend the *Christian Visitor* to all our churches and people, and hope that it may soon be welcomed in families where, heretofore, it has been a stranger, and become a means by its weekly calls, of great spiritual good to many.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.
EDWARD HICKSON.

On motion,

Resolved, That a collection be taken this evening and given to Rev. Geo. Armstrong, whose financial losses in the late fire in St. John have been very embarrassing.

On motion,

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Sawyer be requested to furnish a copy of his admirable address on education for publication in our denominational papers.

The Committee on New Churches presented their additional and final Report.

The Committee on the reception of New Churches, present the following as an additional and final report:

Having examined the letter from the Valley Church of Hillsboro' seeking admission to this body, and also, the letter of 1st Hillsboro' Church adverting to the subject of the organization of the former

church, we were led to see that grave differences of views and feelings existed between the parties, and being anxious to adjust the difficulties and to effect harmony, after much deliberation we decided to present a conciliatory paper to the parties for their mutual acceptance, but the Delegates of the 1st Church declining to sign it, we now desire to submit the whole matter directly to the Association for action in the premises, and to admit, or to refuse to admit the new church, as they may deem wisest and best under the circumstances.

The Committee have prayerfully and diligently labored to facilitate a proper adjustment of the misunderstanding, and to make the way entirely clear for us to recommend the Association to admit the new Church to the body without, at the same time, alienating the affections and support of the 1st Hillsboro' Church, but we find ourselves impotent in any further action which might prove decisive.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. COREY, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

Committee on List of Ministers Ordained, and Licentiate, reported.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools, in presenting their report, feel deeply impressed with the vital importance of this branch of Christian work. The Sabbath-School is the nursery of the Church, and it is upon its efficiency, that the power and usefulness of future church-members must largely depend. It is with regret, therefore, that your Committee notice, that so many of our Churches either have no Sabbath Schools, or such feeble ones that they have failed to make any returns regarding them.

Out of the thirty Schools, of which statistics are given, only four report themselves as meeting every Sabbath of the year; though we trust some of those who are silent on this point also maintain a continuous session. As however, several Schools are in operation during only a few weeks of the summer season, your Committee feel impelled to urge the necessity of more regular and systematic Sabbath School organization; nor can we realize any objection to a winter session of the Sabbath Schools, that does not hold with equal force against the Day-schools, or even the regular services of the sanctuary.

In these days when secular education is being so rapidly diffused, when it is so distinctly separated from all religious training; your Committee would draw attention to the increased need there is for the efficient maintenance of the Christian instruction of the Sabbath School. We deeply deplore the lack of interest in this holy work, and hope that all who love the Lord Jesus Christ will seek to manifest that love by feeding the "Lambs of His Flock."

Your Committee are conscious that it is often difficult to obtain suitable teachers; that many who are desirous of engaging in the work are deterred by a sense of their own incapacity, or by a want of time for preparation during the busy toils of the week.

To all Sabbath Schools laboring under this difficulty, we would respectfully recommend the use of the "International series of Lessons," which contain valuable expositions and suggestions, admirably adapted to the requirements of the faithful teacher. Some of the Churches have recorded in their letters, the great advantage they have derived

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from the adoption of these lesson papers; yet, even if unable to obtain such aids, no Christian who earnestly desires to lead souls to Jesus, need fail in that, which should be the main object of every Sabbath School worker.

Your Committee rejoice to notice a large increase in the adult classes of some schools, and we trust the time is not far distant when the whole church and congregation will meet together on the Lord's Day to search the Scriptures, and to make thorough study of the revelations of the Most High.

In conclusion, your Committee beg to suggest the propriety of setting apart a portion of the time of the Association to the discussion of Sabbath School work and methods; we also express the hope, that the Churches will apply themselves with redoubled energy to this important department of Christian labor, and that next year we shall receive full and encouraging Sabbath School reports from every Church connected with this Association.

On behalf of the Committee.

(Signed)

J. F. BURDITT, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

Committee on Departed Brethren reported:

Your Committee on Departed Brethren have to report the unexpected departure to the spirit land of

REV. W. A. COLEMAN,

late pastor of the 2nd Baptist Church of Sackville. He was accustomed to come up with us from year to year, to our annual Convocations, and we always loved to see his stalwart, manly form in our midst; and as an expression of confidence in his good judgment and sterling integrity he was frequently chosen to preside over our deliberations; but we shall see his smiling face no more until we meet him in the resurrection of the just. He was born in the year of Grace, 1816. He was savingly converted to God, was baptized and received into the Baptist Church of Portland, Saint John, in 1840, and was ordained to the Christian Ministry in the Baptist Church, Northesk, Miramichi, in 1848. His ministerial life, therefore, extended over 27 years. He was associated as pastor, at different periods, with several of our most influential churches, and by them all was "highly esteemed in love for his works' sake." He was indeed a shining light, and was made such by his unwavering devotion to the claims of the Christian life, and to the sublime work of saving souls from death. His ministry was largely attended by an unction from the Holy One, and many precious souls, through his instrumentality, were won to the Saviour. He baptized upwards of a thousand candidates upon the profession of their new born faith, and received them into the Churches over which he presided. There was a beautiful harmony between his public ministry and his private life. Both were moulded and stamped by the teachings of the Bible and the example of the Master. On March the 7th, 1877, at his own residence in Sackville, after a brief, but violent illness, produced by a severe cold, the good man peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, and his ransomed spirit, we doubt not, entered into rest. His funeral obsequies conducted by Rev. D. McKeen, were deeply impressive and touching.

For his stricken widow and bereaved children, this Association would express its deepest sympathy, and pray the great Father to throw over them the shield of His paternal care and love.

REV. DANIEL McPHAIL,

of Buctouche, has also gone to his heavenly home. He was originally from the Highlands of Scotland, and partook largely of the honesty, independence, perseverance and hospitality of the Scottish character. Having emigrated to P. E. Island he was converted to God on that beautiful Isle of the sea. On a profession of his faith he was baptized at Lot 30, and commenced preaching the Gospel there, some two years before he came to Buctouche to reside, in September 1844. By the request of the Baptist Church at Buctouche, he was ordained its pastor in 1845. Ministers assisting were the late Joseph Crandall, William Sears and James Newcomb, all of whom preceded him to the better land. In addition to his pastoral work at Buctouche, he was frequently engaged in preaching the Gospel to the regions beyond, and occasionally to his own countrymen, with great acceptance in their native tongue. He was a sound theologian, a devout Christian, and a faithful minister of the Gospel of the Grace of God. In his own community he was highly respected by all classes for his integrity of character, and purity of life. His last illness was severe, but he was blessedly sustained by the precious promises and rich grace of the Gospel, and death to him, we doubt not, was eternal gain.

With those of his family who survive him we affectionately sympathize, and pray that their father's God may be their God, and that they may experience a blissful re-union in the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. I. E. Bill and adopted :

Whereas, Grave charges of financial delinquency in reference to the management of the estate of the late Joseph Sears, of Sackville, have been preferred by the public press and otherwise against our esteemed Bro., Rev. Thomas Todd, and

Whereas, By his request, the Baptist Church of Moncton, over which he presides as pastor, through an intelligent and reliable committee have thoroughly investigated these allegations, and proved them to be groundless in every essential particular, therefore

Resolved, That this Association highly approve of the course pursued by the Moncton Church under the trying circumstances in which they were placed, and cordially accept the decision to which they arrived, regarding the moral integrity of their beloved pastor—and we hereby declare our deep sympathy with our valued Brother Todd, in the overwhelming sorrow through which he has been called to pass, and our undiminished confidence in his christian integrity, and sincere devotion to the cause of righteousness and truth. Earnestly do we pray for him ; for his loved partner in tribulation, and for the affectionate people of his care, that this fiery ordeal may be over-ruled for their furtherance in the divine life, and for the promotion of the great purposes of the Christian faith among them.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be now appointed to confer with Committees of a like character appointed, or to be appointed, by Sister Associations in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, who purpose, during the approaching Session of our Convention, to devise

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some scheme to provide for the support of Aged and Infirm Ministers and the Widows and Orphans of Ministers connected with our denomination in the Maritime Provinces, and that Revs. I. E. Bill, W. A. Corey and J. H. Hughes be the Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the moneys received during the present session for Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Acadia College be paid the Treasurer of the Association to the officials of those Institutions authorized to receive moneys for their respective organizations.

On motion,

Resolved, That Bro. John McKenzie be appointed an Audit Committee.

On motion,

Prethren John McKenzie, M. C. McDonald, M. D., Wm. Stone, S. C. Wilbur and John S. Trites, Jr., be our Delegates to the Convention.

The Circular was read by its author, Rev. E. C. Corey, which was, on motion, adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes and *Christian Visitor*.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Association now hold a Private Session.

PRIVATE SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. W. T. Corey.

Committee on Special Business read their Report.

The Committee on Special Business report that a letter has come from a part of the 1st Salsbury Church, asking the Association to "send them a council to investigate their difficulties." We consider it improper for this Association to do so. We recommend that the two parties in that Church unite in calling a council from sister churches, to advise them concerning their present difficulties.

Your Committee recommend that the letter from the 2nd Salsbury Church be read—and regret that the grievance complained of last year still exists—and recommend that in future all the Churches be particular not to admit members of other Baptist Churches into their Church without a proper discharge from the Church of which they are members.

The letter referred to your Committee from 1st Hillsborough Church we recommend to be read in connection with the business to come before the present session now to be held.

The Report, after being discussed by sections, was adopted.

Read Letter from Dorchester Church.

The Letter from 1st Hillsborough Church was read.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to place in the Minutes the Sabbath School Statistics as found in the Letters.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Association be instructed to enclose a copy of that part of the Report of the Committee on Special Business, referring to 1st Salisbury Church, to brethren Wm. A. Wheaton and J. C. Wortman, respectively.

On motion the Association resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Special Business.

The Moderator of the Association took his place, and the Committee of the Whole reported, recommending the reception of the Valley Church, at Hillsborough, into this Association, Adopted.

The Letter of the Valley Church was then read, and the Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to the Delegate.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. Coombs.

CLOSING SESSION.

THURSDAY EVENING, July 12th, 1877.

Association resumed business at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. E. C. Corey.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

The Committee on Temperance reported :

Your Committee beg leave to report that the demoralizing influences of the intoxicating cup are still felt in every part of our land ; as individual Christians and as Churches, we have more than ever need to inquire, How can the fountains from which flow such streams of destruction and death be dried up ? We believe that the only true remedy is the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of liquor. The question is, How can this be obtained ? It is required that public opinion be brought fully into favor with this scheme. We feel assured that the Gospel of Christ which is committed to us, is the only purifying power in existence by which this work can be done, and that Christians should and must be the salt of the earth in this movement. God intends that His people should rule the world. In order that this end may be accomplished we recommend :

1st. That every lover of Jesus purify himself by an individual prohibition, or a total banishment of the intoxicating cup.

2nd. Let every Church and Sabbath School have a living temperance wheel in its Church machinery.

3rd. Let every Church use only "the fruit of the vine" at the Lord's table, in strict compliance with our Lord's example, and thus discard the intoxicating cup which is a fit emblem of, and an active agent for, the destruction of the Kingdom of Christ.

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4th. As Church members let us labor earnestly and untiringly for a legal prohibition of this cursed traffic.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. ARCHIBALD, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Association highly approve of the action of the Church in St. Martins in procuring a place for this Session; and also of the action taken by the Moncton Church, in so kindly entertaining us this year.

On motion,

Resolved, That the officers of the Education Society remain as last year.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be given to the Baptist Church and congregation, and to members of other denominations, for their hospitality in entertaining the Delegates through this Session.

The Treasurer submitted his Report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The Treasurer of the Eastern Association of New Brunswick begs leave to submit the following Report:

Moneys sent to Association from different churches for		
Foreign Mission	\$151 73	
Collection Foreign Mission	26 39	178 12
Money sent by Churches for Home Mission	76 41	
Collection	15 60	92 01
Current expenses of Acadia College		2 00
Infirm Ministers		40
Minutes		33 47
Union Society		61 47
Total		\$367 47

Moncton July 12, 1877. SAMUEL C. WILBUR, Treasurer to Association.

Moneys received by Samuel C. Wilbur, Treasurer to Eastern Baptist Association, July, 1877		
For Foreign Missions		\$235 22
" Home Missions		131 01
" Ministerial Education		15 00
" Current expenses of Acadia College		2 00
" Infirm Ministers		5 40
" Minutes		38 23
" Union Society		38 05
Correct, J. McKENZIE, Auditor.		\$454 91

The Minutes of the closing Session read and approved.

Rev. W. P. Everett then preached an excellent sermon, after which a collection was taken for Bro. Armstrong, amounting to \$40. Remarks followed by Rev. Geo. Armstrong and the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church in St. Martins, on the 2nd Tuesday in July, 1878, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The Doxology was sung, after which the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

I. E. BILL, *Moderator.*

W. A. COREY, *Clerk.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE EASTERN N. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren—In this annual epistle we present some remarks on Baptist Peculiarities. It has often been said the Baptists are peculiar people. Would God we were so in the sense in which reference was made to ancient Israel, Duet. xiv. 2. For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto Himself; also, in Titus ii. 13-14. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

1st. What are the distinguishing tenets of the Baptists, or in what respects do they differ from other denominations? This is a question of no small concern; every Baptist should be able to answer it. It is true every honest mind searching for truth, will rather ask, "What does the Bible teach?" than, "what do men believe?" yet, no one should be willingly ignorant of the doctrinal views of his own denomination. The following are the more important points in which Baptists differ from others as to religious opinion; though the general impression is, that the chief difference between Baptists and other Evangelical Sects is very trifling and not worth contending for; that it relates to the quantity of water used in baptism, or the number of persons admitted to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. But the difference is *higher, broader, deeper*, it is a radical, fundamental difference. The barriers are not built of water, nor of rites, nor of robes and forms, but of principles. There is a grand cardinal law lying at the basis of this difference, as important to the interest of man, and the welfare of the church, as the Trinity or the Judgment. Were the barriers built of water we could cast them down; were they framed of empty rites, we could dash them to pieces; were they composed of ceremonies and forms, we could brush them away; but framed of ideas, composed of principles, they are as immutable as God's throne.

1. Distinguishing tenet. They hold personal responsibility to God involving an allegiance to the Bible against all human tradition. The Bible, our only guide, source of knowledge, and standard of authority in matters of religion. Whatever is taught in the Scriptures is to be believed; whatever is there enjoined is to be obeyed. And what is there neither enjoined nor taught, is not to be imposed on the faith or conscience of any man, as of religious obligation. The Baptists contend that no human being has a right to interfere between the soul and its God; that no man can believe for another, or do the duties of another: each soul occupies an independent position before God, as that takes from the child all opportunity of deciding what is right and what is wrong in relation to that ordinance, and commits to forms which intelligent conviction may lead him to repudiate; takes away his free agency and places him under obligations he never assumed.
2. Baptists assert that the only subjects for Baptism are those who have experienced and professed a living faith in Christ Jesus.
3. That immersion, or the burying of the candidate in and raising out of the water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, is the only scriptural way of administering that ordinance. And every candidate who receives the ordinance professes, thereby, faith in the merits of Christ's death, as the ground of his own hope and salvation; fellowship with his sufferings, and a declaration of his own death to sin, and rising to a new life; a putting off of the old man as in a burial, and a putting on the new man as he rises to newness of life in Christ. It also typifies the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.
4. That all those who are regenerate have been baptized on profession of faith in Christ, and are living in a godly and christian manner as members of the Church have a right to, and can properly partake of the Lord's Supper.
5. A regenerated membership, and that regeneration is the work of the Holy Ghost, being born again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever.
6. And that each particular and separate body of baptized believers meeting in one place for worship, and associated in Christian covenant as a Church of Christ is, and should of right be, entirely independent of all other persons and bodies of men; that such a church should govern itself without interference from all human authority, ecclesiastical or civil, other than its own; and that the officers are pastors and deacons, these two and only these. From necessity Baptists must be free; they are independent. They call councils, but those councils are only advisory; they have bishops, but they are simply pastors; they have associations, but they are meetings for general religious purposes, and have no legislative or disciplinary power. The Church, an independent body, ordains its own bishops, disciplines its own members; holding allegiance alone to Christ as a Sovereign; consequently the church cannot make laws for itself, but only execute those which he has given. The New Testament alone is its statute book, by which the body of Christ is to govern itself. These are some of the peculiarities of the Baptists in which they differ from those who believe and practice Infant Baptism; Select sponsors, who avow to believe and henceforth renounce sin and vanity and live godly, for the infant baptized; admit unregenerate to member-

ship; advocate union of Church and State; pay allegiance to ecclesiastical Sovereigns, or Popes; and governed by legislative conventions or councils. These great tenets direct personal responsibility to God, the supremacy of the Bible against human tradition, and unreserved loyalty to Christ as King in opposition to the doctrine of non-essentialism; a regenerated church membership, and perfect liberty of conscience for all men, have distinguished this Sect in all ages. To these tenets the Baptists have never proved recreant, but for eighteen centuries have maintained them against bloody persecution and storms of hatred. Slaughtered in crowds by the bloody St. Austin in Wales; burned at the stake in Bohemia; pursued by blood-thirsty hounds through the vales of Piedmont; hiding in the gorges of the Alps; fined and imprisoned in England; whipped and proscribed in America; they everywhere cherished these tenets as a most precious inheritance; they are not ashamed of any page of their lengthened history, nor of the names that fill their roll-call. Wm. Tyndal, the noted translator of the Bible; Robert Hall, the Chrysostom of modern times; John Bunyan, the world's renowned allegorist, whose feet now tread the streets of the Celestial City; Andrew Fuller, that noble old logician, whose theology is as strong as Scripture truth; John Milton, the prince of poets; John Howard, that devoted philanthropist; William Carey, the first in our times to go out as a Foreign Missionary, were Baptists. And yet this denomination is charged with being the most illiberal of all Sects. What makes it so? Has it ever persecuted? No! Does a single drop of martyr blood cry out against it? No! Its only crime consists in believing that baptism is an immersion in water, and that the rite is a pre-requisite for communion at the Lord's Table. Are we bigots because we believe this?

As Baptists, we claim a remote antiquity which no honest historian can dispute, yet it would profit us nothing unless we are founded on the Gospel of Christ, that is Christ's Church which has Christ's truth, whether it be one year or eighteen hundred years old.

They are Christ's people who are loyal to Christ, whatever else may distinguish them. May we not all unite in praying that righteousness may be exalted in the earth, and all men love and serve the only living and true God, and believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. And, now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace; walk in love, live in peace. Amen.

E. C. COREY.

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Salisbury, 2d	5 00					70	14 48	30 48
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Germantown,	5 00					1 00		4 00
Jemseg,	7 00			2 00		40		7 40
Lower Wickham,		3 25				1 00		8 00
Willow Grove,	3 00					30		3 55
Moncton, 1st	20 00	10 00				25		3 25
Mill Cove,	8 98	5 00				3 00		33 00
Cambridge, 1st		4 37				90		14 88
Cambridge, 2d	13 13	3 70				40		4 77
North River,		5 70				70		17 53
Point DeBute,						50		6 20
Shediac,						30		30
Norton,		9 30				1 00		1 00
St. Martins, 1st						50		9 80
Hammond,	18 53	14 77					5 58	5 58
Salt Spring,	5 10					2 00		85 30
Hillsboro' 3rd						60		5 70
Hampton,						60		60
Butternut Ridge,		2 30				1 00		1 00
Springfield, 1st	8 00	7 64				70		3 00
Springfield, 2d						1 00		16 64
Pollet River,	5 42					1 00	11 75	12 75
Salisbury, 3d						50	1 20	7 12
Elgin, 1st						1 10		1 10
Salisbury, 1st	8 34	6 68				35		35
Rockport,						1 70		16 72
New Canaan,		1 20				1 00		1 00
Coverdale, 2d	11 50					1 00		2 20
Rev. David Crandall,	3 50					40		11 90
St. Martins, 2d		1 00				50		4 00
Johnston, 1st	6 50							1 00
Harvey, 1st						50		7 00
Hillsboro' 2d	15 00	1 00				1 00		1 00
Alma, 2d	90	70				1 00		17 00
Upper Sussex,					40	50		2 50
Titusville,	4 80	4 80				20		20
Forest Glen,	6 83					1 00		10 60
Hampton Village,		1 50				40		7 23
Johnston, 2nd		3 50				1 00		2 50
New Horton,						1 00		4 50
Hillsboro' 4th						1 00		1 00
Dundas,						50	3 00	3 50
Studholm,								
Petitendiac,						47	2 04	2 51
Coverdale, 1st	5 00							
Valley Ch. Hillsboro'						1 00		6 00
Hillsboro' 1st						60		60
Deacon Robt. Mitten,	29 00	29 00	5 00			1 00		1 00
Morning Collection,		15 00				1 76		69 76
Evening Collection,	26 89					25		25
Total,	235 22	131 01	5 00	2 00	40	38 23	38 05	454 91

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

Churches marked thus * Sent no Report.

CHURCHES.	Date of Organization	PASTORS.	Date of Settlement	CLERKS.		INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Total now Reported.	Reported Last Year.	Non-Resident Members	Resident Membr. of other Chs.	
				NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.						
* Albert,	187												22			
* Alma, 2d	1858												24			
* Bay Side.	1870	Solomon Smith,	1871	Jas. A. Foster,	Hastings, Alma	8							16			
* Bouchette.													8			
* Farnham Ridge,	1836												27			
* California,	1809												6			
* Cambridge, 1st	1835	A. B. McDonald,	1877	Jas. A. McDonald,	McDonald's Cor. Q. C								97			
* Cambridge, 2d	1855	A. B. McDonald,	1866	Francis K. Wilson,	Central Cambridge,								167			
* Cambridge, Lower	1859												61			
* Coonigue,													68			
* Coverdale,		F. E. Fillmore,	1877	P. Jonah,	Coverdale,	2	1						112			
* Coverdale, 2d	1838	S. Horner,		W. T. Steeves,	Lower Coverdale,								41			
* Dorchester,	1848												109			
* Dundas,													25			
* Elgin, 1st	1855	J. E. Fillmore,	1871	Elijah G. Vincent,	St. Mary's, Dundas,	1	1						353			
* Elgin, 2d	1857	E. C. Coray,	1873	Jas. Horsman,	Elgin, Albert Co.,								128			
* Elgin, 3d	1855	J. C. Steadman,		R. A. Smith,	Elgin, Albert Co								176			
* Falkfield,													52			
* Falkland,													27			
* Farnham (new)	1816	J. C. Steadman,	1876	Wm. Hanscom,	Metopelle,								87			
* Germantown	1856	T. A. Blackadar,	1870	Rufus Colpitt,	Polett River,								29			
* Glenville,				Roswell Wilbur,	Harvey, Albert Co.	3	1	3	8				81			
* Grand Lake, 1st	1842												67			
* Grand Lake, 2d	1865												212			
* Hammond Vale,													93			
* Hampton,	1865	S. W. Keirstend,	1875	Geo. Tab r,	Upperton, King's Co.	5	4			5	3		89			

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Hampton Vill. (new)

Harvey, 1st	1871	N. A. Corey,											18			
Harvey, 2d	1822	E. A. Blackadar,	1876	A. Albert Mabee,	Hampton Village,								163			
Hillsboro, 1st	1862	W. T. Corey,	1876	Judson Bishop,	Harvey, Albert Co.								50			
Hillsboro, 2d	1865	Jas. Irving,		R. E. Steeves,	Hillsboro, N. B.,								40			
Hillsboro, 3d	1869	S. C. Moore,	1875	Isa. S. Jonah,	Lawson Settlement,								50			
Hopewell	1857	Jas. Irving,		Patrick Sinclair,									40			

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Harvey, 2d	1	1800	15000	1848	150	110	16	403	6 08	28	Hillsboro', Davison Settlement, Albert Arnes,
Hillsboro', 1st	1	200	400	18 3	30	6	7	17 00			Jemseg,
Hillsboro', 2d	1	300	1000	47	50	6	7				Moncton,
Hillsboro', 3d	1	250	800	33	70	50	4				Hayes', P. O. Kings Co. North River Int'vale, Jolicure, Westland Co.
Hillsboro', 4th	1	1650	6200	76	200	150	15	12 300		5	J. J. Wallace,
Hopewell	1	300	1600	50	120	13	13	100 00			2d J. G. Hayes, 16 Rev. J. Gammon, R. C. Wry,
Jemseg	1	300	1600	76	30	25	4	1 50			Springfield Springs & Pt Springfield, Pville, Sussex, Penobscot, St. Martins, St. Martinis, Studholm, Collina, Sussex, Hillsboro', McDonald's Pt. Q. C. Revere's Cove, Willow Grove.
Johnson, 1st	1	250	1200	50	200	150	15				Frank Hayes, Jacob Keirstend, M. Gross, T. M. Colpitta, Edward Webster, H. March,
Johnson, 2d	1	1500	2000	200	150	15	13	100 00			
Mill Cove	1	400	1000	30	70	55	6				
Moncton, 1st	1	200	1000	50	50	45	6				
Moncton, 2d	1	325	1000	50	50	45	6				
New Canaan	1	300	1200	60	185	2	450				
New Horton	1	200	1000	60	1880	60	50	7 00			
Norton	1	200	1000	56	56	40	8	5 60			
North River	1	325	1000	74	10	10	3	227 75			
Petitcodiac	1	300	1000	35	39	5	9	5 00			
Point De Bute	1	300	1000	187	100	75	9	97 84			
Point Middle	1	300	1000	60	27	6	5				
Pollet River	1	300	1000	90	70	8	6				
Rockport	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Seckville, 1st	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Seckville, 2d	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Salisbury, 1st	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Salisbury, 2d	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Salisbury, 3d	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Salisbury, 4th	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Salt Springs	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Shediac	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Springfield 1st	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Springfield 2d	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Sussex	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Sussex, Upper	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
St. Martins, 1st	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
St. Martins, 2d	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Studholm	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Upper	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Valley Church	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Wellington	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Wickham	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Wickham, Upper	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Willow Grove	1	200	800	30	2	4	4				
Total	48 1/2	12129	879100	2700	1338	230	25	.013	190	408	40 6 69

APPENDIX.

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

OFFICERS FOR 1877-78.

PRESIDENT :

REV. J. D. POPE.

VICE-PRESIDENTS :

C. D. EVERETT,
GILBERT WHITE,
D. V. ROBERTS,

CAPT. GEO. W. MASTERS,
CHAS. TURNBULL.

REV. E. HICKSON, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

JAS. E. MASTERS, RECORDING SECRETARY.

J. H. HARDING, TREASURER.

HON. A. McL. SEELY, AUDITOR.

EXECUTIVE BOARD :

H. VAUGHAN,
E. H. DUVAL,
W. H. DYKEMAN,
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T. P. DAVIES,
T. E. SIMS,
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J. S. MAY,
THOS. L. HAY,
WM. LEWIS,
JOHN MARCH.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the New Brunswick Home Missionary Society for the Year A. D. 1876-77.

The Board now respectfully submit the following Report :—

The several objects embraced by the Society received the attention of the Board during the past year, viz., Home Missions, Ministerial Education, Sabbath Schools and Infirm Ministers and Widows.

The Missionaries aided by the Society have reported very encouraging results. Eighty-eight converts have been baptized, and the gospel has been preached in many parts of, at least, seven Counties of our Province. But we regret to say the Board has been unable to do anything for the three Northern Counties, viz: Kent, Gloucester and Restigouche. These Counties are wholly destitute of Baptist preaching.

In view of the increasing demand for laborers in many of the neglected stations and unoccupied churches, and the very limited amount of funds at the disposal of the Board, it was deemed necessary to call the Society together that some plan may be devised by which the work may be more efficiently accomplished.

Accordingly, on the second day of October, the Corresponding Secretary was authorized to call the Society together, and, in response, twenty members of the Society met in Leinster street Baptist Church Vestry on the seventh day of November. A. D. 1876. The President occupied the chair. The object of the meeting was stated and a series of resolutions passed.

1st.—With regard to keeping a General Agent in the field.

2nd.—The Board was urged to send out from time to time deputations.

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3rd.—The appointment of a Committee to keep up correspondence with mission fields, call in the aid of the churches, and furnish information through the *Christian Visitor*.

4th.—That Pastors be urged to keep the claims of the Society before their Churches, and ask for an average of two cents per week from all their members.

5th.—The Board was directed to consider the expediency of confining its efforts solely to the work of Home Missions, and relegate to other organizations the duties it performed in relation to Education, Sabbath Schools and Infirm Ministers.

Committees were appointed by the Board to carry out the wishes of the Society as above expressed.

The Committee appointed in accordance with the second resolution submitted a report dividing the Province into sections, and asked the Board to appoint Ministers and others to hold public meetings at central points. Said Committee was requested to carry out the arrangement.

The Committee appointed according to the third resolution, reported that they submitted a Circular to 145 Churches, seeking information and only 32 churches responded; 113 churches disregarded the appeal. Of the 32 churches responding, 20 have pastors. 17 churches report work done at 30 out-stations. 10 churches do not need help to support the destitute. 8 churches need such help as the Board can supply. 8 churches need both money and laborers. 6 churches need money only, and 3 churches need laborers only. The Committee believe that if full information were given by all the churches, it would greatly facilitate the work of the Society.

SAINT ANDREWS.

Rev. T. W. Crawley continued his ministrations in St. Andrews under the direction of the Board, and enlarged his sphere of labor by visiting several of the surrounding stations, viz.: Bay Side, Oak Bay, The Ledge, Bartlett Settlement, Chamcook, and Bocabec. And at the request of Bro. C. F. Clinch, he spent four Sabbaths at Musquash, Dipper Harbor, Mace's Bay and Chance Harbor. This, he reports, was hard but very pleasant work. The church in St. Andrews is in a very feeble condition. But on the 4th of August he reports the conversion and baptism of a young lady. The grant to St. Andrews is \$100 per annum, to which was added \$50, on condition the pastor visited the adjacent unoccupied churches and stations.

BLISSFIELD AND LUDLOW.

Rev. William M. Edwards has preached the gospel here for seventeen years. Last year he reported that a strong desire for a revival of religion prevailed in these churches. This year that holy desire has been gratified, and many have been converted to God. In September he called for a co-laborer, and the Board tried to send him one, but did not succeed. His quarterly reports show, that he travelled 1,546 miles; preached 123 sermons; made 402 religious visits; conducted 52 conference and prayer meetings; attended 4 funerals; administered the Lord's Supper twice, and baptised 38 converts. The grant made to Bro. Edwards's field of labor is but \$50 per annum.

GORDONVILLE AND COLDSTREAM.

Rev. John E. Shaw labored under the direction of the Board at Gordonville, Coldstream, and the surrounding stations for seven months, ending the 15th day of February. His report give us miles travelled, 550; visits made, 238; sermons preached 90; conference

and prayer meetings conducted, 49; baptized 12 converts; administered the Lord's Supper three times; attended two funerals; visited Sabbath Schools three times. He collected on the field \$50, and received from the Board \$108.

TOBIQUE.

Rev. Samuel Burt labored on the Tobique Mission field for about four and a-half months, under the direction of the Board. He reports having travelled 1,228 miles; religious visits made, 334; sermons preached, 66; prayer-meetings attended, 65; baptized 30 converts. He receives at the rate of \$100 per annum from the Board.

SECOND ALMA.

Rev. Solomon Smith devotes one-fourth of his time to Second Alma. He reports having travelled 293 miles; made 108 religious visits; preached 45 sermons; conducted 18 prayer meetings; baptized 7 converts; administered the Lord's Supper once. He receives from the Board at the rate of \$80 per annum.

ST. MARY'S AND GIBSON.

Rev. Benjamin Hughes occupied these stations for six months, closing his labors in connection with the Board on the 1st of November. He says:—"I have held meetings every other Sabbath at Douglas and St. Mary's, morning and evening, and occasionally at Gibson in the afternoon of the same day. I have also held a prayer-meeting in the hall of St. Mary's every Monday evening, which has been well sustained. I have been much encouraged by increasing congregations and the interest manifested in Baptist preaching." He received from the Board at the rate of \$100 per annum.

MIRAMICHI.

Bro. G. E. Good spent his vacation of 12 weeks last summer in Newcastle, North Esk, Little South West and other stations. He reports that Baptist sentiments are prevailing, and that two ministers should at once occupy this field,—one at Newcastle and Chatham, and the other at North Esk and the up river stations. He travelled 309 miles, preached 34 sermons, held 8 prayer-meetings and 4 conferences, made 152 religious visits, and collected on the field \$77.33; he received from the Board \$20.

NEWCASTLE AND MIRAMICHI.

This spring Rev. T. M. Munro accepted a call from the Newcastle Church, his labors to extend to Chatham and the surrounding stations. The Board and the Trustees of the Estabrooks' Bequest promise to aid this Church, equally, to the extent of \$300 for the first year, \$200 for the second year and \$100 for the third year, with the understanding that at the expiration of this period this Church and Mission be self-sustaining.

NORTH ESK AND LITTLE SOUTH WEST.

Bro. W. P. Anderson, Licentiate, has been engaged by these churches to labor with them. Most commendable energy and liberality have been shown by some friends of the cause herein providing a parsonage and in contributing to the support of the Mission. The Board, together with the Trustees of the Estabrooks' Bequest, have promised these churches \$200 for the first year, and the H. M. Board has granted \$75 for the second year and \$50 for the third year, with a request to the Trustees of the Estabrooks' Bequest that they grant an equal amount for the second and third years to these churches.

WELLOW GROVE.
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chiefly by Bro. Jas. S. May, Licentiate. Converts have been added to the Church, and the good work is still progressing. The expenses incurred were partly borne by the Board, *i. e.* \$64, less \$21 paid by the Willow Grove Church.

AFRICAN CHURCHES.

Rev. H. Haynes was appointed Missionary to the colored brethren for six months. He reports having travelled 150 miles, preached 120 sermons; funeral sermons, two; married three couples; baptized one; administered the Lord's Supper once, collected \$4.79, received from the Board \$18.51.

SECOND FALLS, ST. GEORGE.

The grant of \$25 was renewed to this Church, but no report of labor performed has yet been made to the Board.

GRAND BAY, SOUTH BAY, SPURR'S COVE.

A grant of \$100 for the ensuing year, was made to these stations, and the oversight of the work was entrusted to the Carleton Baptist Church.

Rev. Robert Mutch, Colporteur and general Missionary, reported work performed during 4½ months—*viz.*: miles travelled, 427; sermons preached, 57; conducted 13 prayer-meetings; established one Sabbath School; visited seven others; made 320 religious visits. He received from the Board \$46.34.

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS.

Two students studying in Acadia College received each an appropriation of \$75.

Sabbath Schools in the following places received aid :	
Shemogue,	\$10 00
Berryton, Albert Co.	5 00
Berries' Mills, Westmoreland,	10 00
St. Andrews,	10 00
Little Beach, St. Martins,	10 00
Grand Falls,	5 00
Third Coverdale, Albert,	5 00
Greenwich Hill,	5 00

INFIRM MINISTERS AND WIDOWS.

Three ministers received aid from this fund to the amount of \$55. Three widows received \$85. The widow of the late Rev. John McInnis departed this life on the 26th day of December last.

The Board recommend that Messrs. Jos. Crandall and C. B. Record be Trustees of the estate of the late Rev. W. A. Crandall until the youngest heir is of age.

In prosecuting this all-important and divinely appointed work of Home Missions, we have felt that the funds at our disposal were not equal to the demand. Hence important fields are left unoccupied, and Ministerial students who desired to labor for ten or twelve weeks in such fields could not be employed by the Board.

The Fund, too, for Ministerial Education was by no means sufficient, and is now overdrawn \$162.21, and the application of other worthy students had to be rejected.

Measures are being adopted which indicate that your Board may be soon released from duty with regard to the Infirm Ministers and Widows' Fund. It is to be hoped that something more worthy of the denomination may be inaugurated.

You will be pleased to notice, on review, that the year has not been a barren one. Your Board has not, we think, been remiss in duty. A good deal of labor has been done and some fruit gathered in; but as

we look over our extensive fields, some ripening to the harvest, and others lying waste, our prayer is that the Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers into his vineyard.

And shall we not all, as stewards of God's gracious gifts, concentrate our energies on this Home Mission work, and consecrate our denominational wealth to the service and glory of our heavenly king—the Lord Jesus Christ?

All which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HICKSON.

Corresponding Secretary of the H. M. Board

P. S.—With regret we record the fact that on the 20th day of June, A. D. 1877, the books of our Recording Secretary and Treasurer were burned up in the great fire of Saint John.

COPY OF MEMORANDUM.

Received on account Infirm Ministers' Fund,.....	\$213 02	
Paid out,.....	117 00	
		\$96 02
Sabbath Schools, Received,.....	\$80 52	
“ “ Paid out,.....	65 00	
		15 52
Home Missions, Received,.....	680 98	
“ “ Paid out,.....	540 16	
		140 82
		\$252 36
Ministerial Education, Received,.....	162 38	
“ “ Paid out,.....	264 59	
		Overdrawn, 162 21

May, 1877. Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....\$ 90 15

J. H. HARDING, *Treasurer.*

Saint John, N. B., May, 1877.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society in Account with J. H. Harding, Treasurer.

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June 17. To paid—Rev. Wm. M. Edwards,.....	\$12 50
“ “ Bro. James Goodwin,.....	50 00
“ “ “ Manes' African Church,.....	8 00
“ “ “ Daniel Burt,.....	9 10
Balance carried down,.....	112 34

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May 31. By balance of account at date,.....	\$90 15
“ Leinster street Church,.....	49 79
“ Germain Street Church,.....	49 00
“ C. D. Everett and wife from Temple Baptist Church,.....	8 00
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J. H. HARDING, *Treasurer.*

Saint John, N. B., June 17, 1877.

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ASSOCIATIONAL RECORD.

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2	1889	10	100	Mounton	J. J. B. B. B.	J. J. B. B. B.	J. J. B. B. B.	W. J. Johnson
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